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2. On 28 August, the Infanterie Kaserne was occupied by 150 to 200 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia.

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3. ☐ on 24 August, about 150 trucks carrying troops with red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia and about 20 AT guns moved from the Zeitz freight station toward Zeitz Forest. At about 7:30 a.m. on 28 August, 2 heavy SP guns No 334 and 335 and 2 JS-1 tanks No 114 and 113 drove toward the same direction.

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☐ Comment. The majority of the 20th Gds Mecz Div could be carried in Camp Crawinkel near Ohrdruf at the end of August. The present report indicates that elements of the division conducted exercises in the area of Zeitz from about 24 to 28 August. According to a troop train which, as was reported by another source, was en route from Neudietendorf toward Gotha on 29 August, it can be assumed that the units involved in the exercise have returned to Ohrdruf. A third source reported on field exercises which were said to have been conducted in the area of Jena on 31 August. ☐ Similar combined-arms exercises were held in the vicinity of the military posts by the 57th Gds Mtz Rifle Div and 21st Gds Mecz Div at the same time.

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